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SUBJ: FRANCO-SOUTH AFRICAN ATOMIC AGREEMENT

REF: MARSHALL/FERGUSON TELECON JUNE 15, 1978

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS COPY OF FRANCO-SOUTH AFRICAN AGREEMENT FOR THE KOEBERG NUCLEAR CENTER, STAGES 1 AND 2 (TRANCHES), SIGNED IN PRETORIA OCTOBER 15, 1976.
2. INFORMAL AND UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE 5 OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE ONLY ONE MENTIONING TREATMENT OF IRRADIATED FUEL, FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.

ARTICLE V

WHEN THE SPECIAL FISSILE PRODUCTS FOR THE NUCLEAR CENTER IN KOEBERG, STAGES 1 AND 2 (TRANCHES), OR THE IRRADIATED FUEL ELEMENTS IN THIS CENTER NEED TO BE REPROCESSED AND NEED TO BE TAKEN FROM A REACTOR AND TO BE MODIFIED IN THEIR FORM OR CONTENT, OR WHEN THE PLUTONIUM OBTAINED FROM THEM NEEDS TO BE STOCKPILED,
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THIS REPROCESSING OR THESE MODIFICATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT, OR THIS PLUTONIUM WILL BE STOCKPILED, IN INSTALLATIONS OUTSIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA AGREED ON BY THE TWO PARTIES, WHO WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE III, IV AND VI OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT ARE CARRIED OUT.

THE PRESENT ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO SPECIAL
FISSILE PRODUCTS COMING FROM THE US OR TO IRRADIATED
FUEL ELEMENTS DERIVING FROM THEM. THESE ARE THE SUBJECTS
OF AGREEMENTS AND GUARANTEES IN FORCE BETWEEN THE US
AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. END TEXT.

3. ARTICLE III REQUIRES EACH PARTY TO TAKE MEASURES TO
ASSURE THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OF THE CENTER AND SPECIAL
FISSILE MATERIALS FURNISHED IT. ARTICLE IV PROVIDES
THAT SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN WHEN SPECIAL
RISKS ARISE. ARTICLE VI PROVIDES THAT THIS CENTER AND
ALL MATERIALS WILL NOT BE USED BY A STATE WHICH HAS NOT
MANUFACTURED AND EXPLODED A NUCLEAR DEVICE BEFORE
JANUARY 1, 1967 FOR MILITARY PURPOSES OR FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR DEVICES AND IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO
THE IEA.
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